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### **Carlsbad State Beach Opens Following Sewer Spill**

CARLSBAD, Calif. – Signs warning of possible contamination were removed from the beach near the Encinas Creek outlet, which had been posted following Thursday's sewage spill. Samples collected on Friday and Saturday confirmed the water is safe for recreational use.

After review of flow monitoring data, the Encina Wastewater Authority (EWA) has estimated that 252,000 gallons of sewage reached the storm drain as a result of the pipeline failure. Recovery efforts included suctioning 388,800 gallons of water from the storm drain channel and 166,400 gallons from the Encinas Creek. Based on the recovered volumes and ocean monitoring results, it is not believed that any of the spilled sewage reached the Pacific Ocean.

Construction activities are underway to replace the damaged pipeline, which caused the spill event. Due to the complexities of the project, repairs are not expected to be complete before October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sewage service is not affected. However, EWA is asking residents of Carlsbad, Encinitas and Vista to continue to reduce indoor water usage. This will minimize the volume of wastewater that must be diverted and help the plant comply with its ocean discharge permit.

For the duration of construction, Avenida Encinas will remain closed in front of the treatment plant. Avenida Encinas is accessible to the north and south via Palomar Airport Road and Poinsettia Lane. The Coaster station may be accessed from Poinsettia Lane.